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Inde application of: Combadiere et al.

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ANIMAL MODELS AND THERAPEUTIC

AGENTS FOR HIV INFECTION

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This responds to the Office action (Restriction Requirement) dated July 28, 2005, for which a one-month period of response was set, making a reply due on or before August 28, 2005. It is believed that no extension of time is needed to file this response. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with filing this response, deposit account authorization is provided on the accompanying Transmittal Letter.

Applicants elect Examiner's Group I (claims 6-12, 18, 19, and 21-24), drawn to a method of inhibiting fusion between HIV and CCR5 by administering a blocking agent.

It is believed that the application is in condition for substantive examination. If any minor matters remain to be addressed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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